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Prov. 22:20-29

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I. TODAY is one of many important dates in the history of S.S.

- A. **GENERALLY**, the S. S. CofC started 114 years ago in 1855 when the first religious **services** conducted in F. W. were conducted in an assembly of the Lord's people .
- B. **MORE SPECIFICALLY**, the congregation began 77 years ago. Started meeting in 40' X 60' building at corner of Jennings and Cannon Sts. 1892.
- C. **TO BE EXACT**, the congregation has been meeting at the corner of Hemphill and Hawthorne 10 years and 1 day today. Entered new plant May 3, 1959.
- D. **ROMANS 13:7-8.*** Tribute to whom tribute is due. Owe great debt of gratitude to **GOD** and **CHRISTIANS** who have made this congregation what it is today!
- E. **OF MORE CONCERN**, than the "**WHO**" however is the "**WHAT**" of the Southside church of Christ.
1. For **WHAT PURPOSE** was S. S. started to begin with?
 2. For **WHAT HAS SHE LABORED** so diligently, so long?
 3. For **WHAT** does she continue to **EXIST** today?
 4. **WHAT** are her **PLANS** for the future?
- Unique answer: Shall do in the **FUTURE**, as she is doing in the **PRESENT**, and has done in the **PAST**. Faithfully serve **GOD** and **MAN**. A general answer.

II. HER PURPOSES MORE SPECIFICALLY STATED.

Intro.

- A. #1 REPRODUCE FAITHFULLY THE N. T. **CHURCH**. (Card #11)
- B. #2 CONVEY TO THE WORLD THE LORD'S **TRUE WAY**. (Card #9)
- C. #3 **EXPRESS** THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A **CHRISTIAN** AND A NON-CHRISTIAN. (Card #1)
- D. #4 EXTEND A WARM & CORDIAL WELCOME TO **OTHERS**. (Card #12)
- Ill. James J. Metcalfe expressed it very poetically for us. (Card #14)

III. BIBLE SUGGESTS ANOTHER WAY OF EXPRESSING OUR MISSION.A. Five passages suggest our spiritual mission in F. W.

1. Deut. 19:14.* Perpetual ownership intended.
2. Deut. 27:17.* Curses upon the dishonest.
3. Job. 24:2. * Current wickedness described.
4. Prov. 22:20-29. (28)* Wise counsel.
5. Prov. 23:9-12.* Of virtues and vices.

Note: Grave panalties for removing ancient landmarks.

Offending slave put to death.

Others exiles out of the land.

Some paid heavy fines.

Various physical punishments given to others.

IV. SOME SPIRITUAL LANDMARKS SOUTHSIDE HAS KEPT UNMOVABLE AND PLEDGES TO KEEP UNMOVED IN HER FUTURE.A. Simple New Testament Plan of Salvation. (Acts 2,8,9,10, Gospel Preaching. Romans 10:17. 18, 19.)

Intense Faith . Acts 16:31. John 8:24.

Sincere repentance. Luke 13:3. Acts 2:38.

Meaningful profession. Matt. 10:32. Rom. 10:10.

Obedience in Baptism. Mk. 16. Acts 2:38, 22:16. I P3:21

B. Simple New Testament Worship.

(N. Y. "very strange, ridiculous, intriguing,satisfying!")

Assembly to sing and pray. Acts 2:42. Eph. 5:19.

Commune and give to Christ's work. Acts 20:7, I C. 16:2.

Preach, exhort, admonish. II Tim. 4:1-4.

NONE CAN IMPROVE ON THIS--Lord's perfect way!!!

C. Simple New Testament Christian Life.

Romans 12:1-2. Gal. 6:10. I Cor. 15:58.

INV. THIS has been the Lord's way for 1,936 years.

CAUTION anyone who would listen to strange voices and any other WAY of SALVATION, WORSHIP or MODE OF LIVING.

Ill. Danger of Following Wrong Directions. #44.